

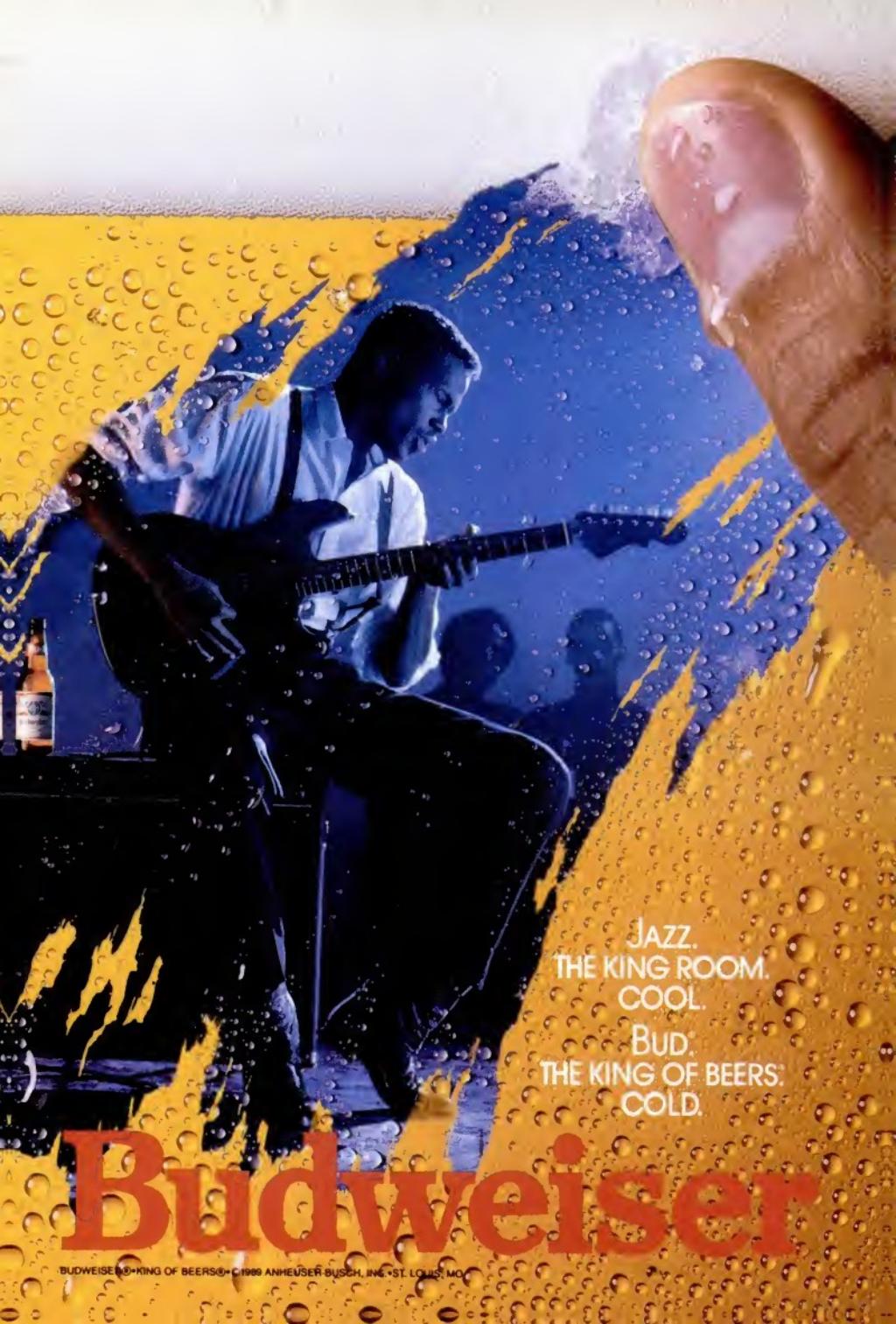
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NATIONAL REPORT

D.C. Sets Primary Vote To Elect 2 'Shadow Senators'

Next January, the predominantly Black District of Columbia may have two non-voting members of the U.S. Senate.

Legislation passed by the D.C. City Council authorizes a primary election on September 11th and a November election date to select the winning pair.

That is, if the U.S. Senate and House membership approve the legislation, which is "a gimmick" designed as a silent protest against the lack of voting participation in Congress by residents of the nation's capital. The two D.C. senators, now referred to as "shadow senators," will have no Capitol Hill offices.

They will not be paid a salary, relying on public contributions and fund-raising to pay staffing and clerical expenses. Said a statehood proponent: "We've got a non-voting delegate in the House, so why not two non-voting senators?"

Thornburgh Aide Linked To Releasing Gray Leak

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh confirmed recently that his spokesman, David Runkel, played a role in an alleged mistaken CBS report that Rep. William Gray (D., Pa.) was under investigation.

Democrats were angered by the CBS report. The Justice Department denied Gray was a target and spent \$224,000 trying to find who leaked the information at Thornburgh's request.

Kansas City Rights Leaders Praise Court's Decision

Civil Rights leaders voiced satisfaction recently over a Supreme Court ruling upholding the right of Federal judges to make local officials raise taxes to remedy racial segregation problems left by a history of Kansas City school segregation.

The legal battle began in 1977. Over the years, many Whites had fled the school district putting their children in mostly White private or suburban schools. Voters in the city, meanwhile, had rejected a series of proposed tax increases to pay for improvement of schools attended by Blacks.

"It's a victory for civil rights litigants," said Arthur A. Benson, II, a lawyer for a group of plaintiffs in the city's long-running battle over desegregation. "It affirms the principle that constitutional violations can and must be remedied even if the remedy requires the constitutional violators to raise taxes and whether or not their constituents are in favor of new taxes."

Rollins Wins Court Battle To Keep His N.Y. Apartment

TV star Howard Rollins Jr., recently won a court battle to keep his New York City rent-stabilized apartment. Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Harold Baer ruled that the star of NBC's "In the Heat of the Night" has the right to renew his lease. Rollins' landlord had refused to renew the lease claiming that Rollins was not using the apartment as his chief place of residence.



Blood Battle: A group of demonstrators in New York City alleging racism against Haitians in AIDS policies prepare to cross the Brooklyn Bridge to lower Manhattan for a recent rally to protest a recommendation by the Food and Drug Administration issued in February suggesting that all people from Haiti or the sub-Saharan region be excluded as blood donors. Traffic was snarled by about 50,000 marchers and 100 taxi cabs that joined the protest.

Census Bureau Facing A 'Crisis' Undercount

A number of Black officials from New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Baltimore said recently the Census Bureau is facing a "crisis situation" as 39 million households have not returned their census forms. As a result, many stand a chance of not being counted.

The officials, part of a task force of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, called for President George Bush to join a public relations campaign which stresses "it's OK for people to open their doors" when census workers make their rounds door to door.

Klansman Challenges 1951 Law On Hoods In Public

A Klansman recently entered a Georgia courtroom in full robe and hood to challenge a 1951 Georgia law that makes it a crime to wear a mask or hood in public.

Shade Miller, arrested in February for wearing a hood in public, contends the law violates his First Amendment right to free-speech.

"The Klan uses anonymity as an instrument of terror and fear," argued Earl Shinhoster an Atlanta NAACP executive. Some argue the law is needed to curb acts of violence by hate groups.



Rev. Abernathy's noted career included pastoring Atlanta's West Hunter Street Baptist Church and heading SCLC.

Rev. Ralph Abernathy Dies Praised For Contributions To Civil Rights Movement

The tombstone will read: "I tried."

That's the way Rev. Ralph David Abernathy once said that he wanted to be remembered. Not as a quitter. Not as any great leader. Ofttimes, he stood alone, faced angry volleys of words, but he never surrendered.

A calmness came over Atlanta when word flashed that 64-year-old Rev. Abernathy, the man who stood shoulder to shoulder with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including going to jail 17 times during more than a decade of agitation, died suddenly at the Crawford Long Hospital in that city. The cause of death: cardiac arrest. He had entered the hospital

March 23 for "a low sodium condition." Previously, he had suffered two heart attacks and undergone brain surgery at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital.

"There is peace in the valley," remarked an Atlantan who had followed the career of the soul mate of Dr. King. Abernathy had cradled King's bloody head in his arms as the mortally wounded leader lay in Memphis dying, and then, for the next nine years, made an ill-fated effort to "hold together the civil rights forces" in memory of "his fallen hero."

The Poor People's Campaign, earlier planned by King to divert organizational goals from civil to economic rights, deteriorated into a national disaster. Some 2,600 campers brought to a tent city on the historic mall in the nation's capital were forced to abandon the temporary home at the hands of police. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which King headed, virtually disbanded under Abernathy's administration. There was little comparison in the styles of the two men. Slow-talking and deliberate, Abernathy was a simple man with a cumbersome oratory, while King was articulate, New England educated, and emotionally poetic. Even more, Abernathy lacked the magnetism to bring Black supporters out in droves.

Resigning from the SCLC post, the activist-minister returned to his West Hunter Street Baptist Church where he had been pastor since 1961. A peace advocate, he circled the globe three times and lectured extensively.

To the surprise of many, Abernathy entered national politics by endorsing GOP presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan at a time the Republicans shunned Black voters. He was one of the few Blacks to goad the Californian to continue a civil rights tradition. He then turned to supporting Rev. Jesse Jackson for president in his two campaigns.

Almost divorced from his former colleagues and cronies in "the Movement," Abernathy last year dropped to the lowest level of respect in civil rights circles. He did what no other King inner-circle member had done—write about King's alleged marital infidelities, in his autobiography, *And The Walls Came Tumbling Down*.

Dr. Joseph Lowery, current SCLC president, said: "...As time passes, the controversy over Abernathy's book will pass, but Abernathy's contributions to the civil rights movement will live."

Rev. Abernathy, accompanied by wife Juanita (l), autographs controversial autobiography during tour publicizing book. On numerous occasions he and Dr. King were cell mates during their attempts to integrate businesses during the turbulent Civil Rights Era.

Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, now running for Governor of Georgia, declared: "The Ralph Abernathy that I saw in that book and I read about was not the Ralph Abernathy that I knew, and I prefer to remember the Ralph Abernathy that walked so closely with Martin Luther King—and that was my partner and friend throughout the active days of the civil rights movement."

In the spirit of redemption, Coretta Scott King seemed to pacify the strain when she praised Abernathy's strength as a "tactician and a counselor to Martin." She said that this view "has been eloquently recorded in Martin's own writing and in the annals of America's Civil Rights Movement."

He is survived by his wife, Juanita; two sons, Ralph David, 3rd, a Georgia state legislator, and Kwame Tuthili; and two daughters Juandalynn and Donzaleigh.





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Confidential: The first distinguished public service award which Office of Personnel Management (OPM) director **Constance Newman** received came from George Washington University's Pi Alpha honor society. The boss of millions of federal employees, Ms. Newman has served with 12 federal agencies and held four presidential appointments. She is the behind-the-scenes civil rights powerite. Recently she and HHS Secretary **Louis Sullivan** persuaded President **George Bush** to ignore Attorney General **Dick Thornburgh**'s suggestion that he veto the current civil rights legislation on Capitol Hill...For his first major "soul assignment," White House legislative chief **Fred McClure** spoke to a group of Black university presidents and executives. McClure has not been publicly identified with race relations issues as much as Gen. **Colin Powell**, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, although he functions in a key front-line post...In a quiet trek through four African countries—Zambia, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe—**Coretta Scott King** traveled with a small entourage, including operations aide **Cleveland Dennard** and advance man **Harold Sims**...Historian **John Hope Franklin** is busy at work in a Library of Congress office researching files for a forthcoming book on "fugitive slaves"...The coed with an exciting job is Florida A&M University's **Grace Ladd**. For the past year, she has operated the mechanisms to release the six numbered balls in the state's televised weekly lottery. A few weeks ago, the jackpot drawing soared to \$56.1 million and Ms. Ladd became a statewide celebrity drawing the winning numbers.

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National Headliners: Encouraging Montgomery County (Md.) school students to consider chemistry as a career is **Jeanice Brown-Thomas**, an analytical chemist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology...A Black baseball exhibition continues at Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library until June 30th. **Larry Doby** and **Monte Irvin** attended an opening two-day conference...Career

Couple Gift: Best news for Social Security Administrator **Gwendolyn King** was that her husband, **Colbert**, the executive vice president of Riggs National Bank in D.C., had been elected to the bank's board of directors...Youngest Black Bush sub-cabINETTEER is 35-year-old **Stephen A. Glaude**, the new HUD deputy undersecretary.



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■ **Earth Day Celebration:** New York City Youths, assembled on the stairs of the city's Museum of Natural History, proudly display a mile-long banner containing the handprints of children across the nation who made a pact to honor the earth. The children's artistic banner was created in conjunction with the nation's Earth Day Celebration.

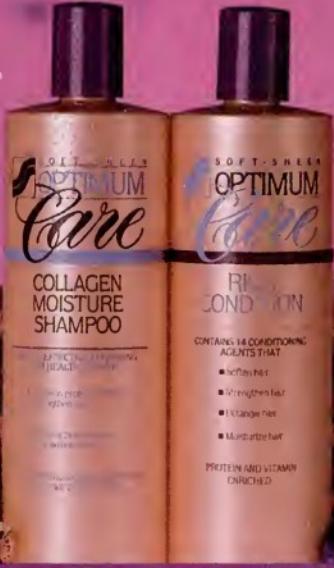
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Holly Mundon in Pierre Balmain silk taffeta gown and Rod Fuller in Brioni suit exude Fashion Magic.

FASHION

EBONY Fashion Fair's 'Fashion Magic' Shows Dazzle L.A. Audiences

Holly Mundon is stunning in Pierre Cardin's couture gown with revealing lace top and satin bow.

The EBONY Fashion Fair's 32nd annual extravaganza recently lit up Hollywood with two dazzling, sold-out shows at the Hollywood Palladium.

The shows, under the theme of *Fashion Magic*, featured a wide variety of styles that ranged from professional and subdued to wild and wicked. The models strolled and strutted on the runway wearing ostrich feathers, sequins, eye-opening lace, knits, cardigans, and leathers.

It was pointed out to the Easter Sunday audience that brown is one of the 'in' colors this season. They were immediately treated to an array of brown outfits, including plaids, leathers and suedes.

Designers featured included the
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LaVada Price swirls in Bob Mackie chiffon gown with beaded jacket, Holly Mundon struts in Givenchy's fringe, ensemble, and Tracey Oliver struts in Oscar de la Renta's spring red suit with printed top.

Christina Aston is dazzling in draped lurex gown. Rod and Ron Fuller step lively in spring suits by Gianni Versace.

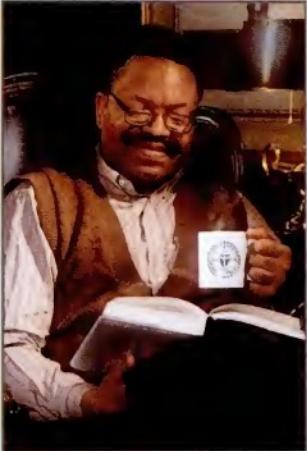


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Shows Raise Funds For The Children's Home Society

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late Patrick Kelly, Christian Dior, Bob Mackie, Versace and Giorgio Sant Angelo.

The shows, sponsored by the Lullaby Guild of the Children's Home Society, raised money for a number of philanthropic activities, including adoption services, child care, foster family care, expectant parent counseling and child advocacy community education. Since 1954, the Guild has raised approximately \$700,000 for the Home Society.

Frances Jimerson-Hayes (c) is presented with 14K gold chain from Lucy Boswell (r), Coca-Cola manager for consumer affairs, as Lullaby Guild President Patricia Gibson watches.



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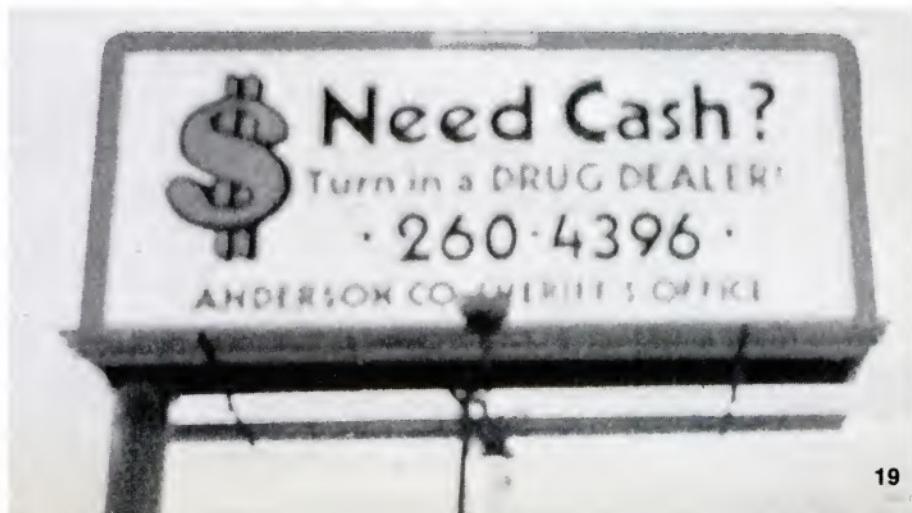
CONDOM CONVENIENCE: Bill Shriver of Belvidere, Ill., says the drive-up condom machine outside his convenience store is his contribution to fighting AIDS and teen pregnancy. But residents there aren't buying the explanation or the product. The machine outside of Shriver's Kwik Stop sells condoms for 75 cents each. Neighbors are complaining the store owner is just trying to make a fast buck off of local youth by arousing their curiosity.

RAIL SURPRISE: Passengers on a commuter train in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., were told to yell "surprise"

to the fifth person who came aboard. That just happened to be Scott Wilson, the millionth passenger on the Tri-Rail commuter line. The lucky passenger was awarded a one-year free pass on the line valued at \$720. Ever notice how these promotions always seem to flop? Wilson, who said he was just winding up a stint as a beach bum, was heading back to Reading, Pa.

SEW-SEW IDEA: Wang Canzhao, a teacher in China, came up with a novel idea to deal with noisy students. He sewed the lips of two 9-year-old students together by using acupuncture needles.

INFORMANTS' PAY-OFF: In an effort to encourage Anderson County (S.C.) residents to assist authorities in catching illegal drug traffickers, some 15 billboards throughout the county advertise possible cash awards to be issued to informants. Since Anderson County Sheriff Gene Taylor started the program last February, in which people can turn in suspected dealers by phone, thousands of dollars and several vehicles have been recovered.



People

* **Clayborne Carson**, a former civil rights activist and the editor of the Martin Luther King, Jr.'s papers, recently was named the Visiting Landmarks Scholar in American History for spring semester at the American University's Department of History in Washington, D.C.

* **James P. Murray**, manager of public relations at USA Network in New York City, recently was promoted to director of corporate relations at that company.



Norris Edney



Jannie Eaddy

* **Norris Edney**, professor of biology and director of the division of arts and sciences and graduate studies at Alcorn State University in Lorman Miss., has been selected the recipient of the National Association of Equal Opportunity (NAFEO) in Higher Education 1990 Research Achievement Award.

* **Jannie Flowers-Eaddy**, assistant vice president of the controller's department at City National Bank in Beverly Hills, Calif., was promoted to vice president of that department.

* **Gerald Smith**, an instructor in the department of Africana studies at Wayne State University in Detroit, was named Black Educator of 1990 by the U.S. Peace Corps. He was one of three selected to receive the award.

* **Yvonne V. Delk**, executive director of the United Church of Christ's Office of Church in Society in Chicago, has been named to the post of executive director of the church's Renewal Society in that city.



Yvonne Delk



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* **Dr. Herbert B. Henderson**, a retired Long Beach, Calif., physician and founder of the Sammy Davis Jr. National Liver Institute at the New Jersey College of Medicine, has been appointed to the Environmental Health Specialist Registration Committee in Sacramento, Calif.

* **John Baker Brown**, a former public relations manager and corporate spokesperson for AT&T in Atlanta, recently was named editor for the Atlanta Tribune, which was founded in 1987 and has a circulation of 32,000.

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EDUCATION

Oakland U. Reaches Accord With Minority Students

Threats of continued demonstrations have reportedly ended since Black and Hispanic students came to an agreement with Oakland University officials regarding insensitive treatment of minority groups.

As a result of the students' recent protest, which was sparked by what they called unfair discipline of Black Greek organizations, the Rochester Hills, Mich., university has supposedly agreed to add \$8,000 to support multicultural campus programs and increase its efforts to recruit more minority staff and students and to ensure minorities graduate.

■ **Appropriate Apparel:** Looking dapper in their new uniforms are Hendricks' Academy students (l-r) Toni Shumate, 11; Monica Davis, 11; Jeffrey Springer, 11; and Joni Bradley, 12. This Chicago school ordered the new apparel in an attempt to curb violence resulting over trendy sportswear. In slightly more than a year, four young men have died in Chicago because they were wearing satiny pro team jackets.



Tulane Univ. Names Ronald Mason New Senior Veep

Convinced that Ronald Mason, the former vice president and general counsel at Tulane University in New Orleans,

has extraordinary qualifications, Eamon M. Kelly, president of Tulane, has promoted Brown to senior vice president and general counsel.

Mason, who earned his bachelor's from Columbia University and his juris doctor from Columbia Law School, first came to Tulane as university attorney in 1982.



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For AIDS at Black Colleges

Seven Black Health professions schools which comprise the AIDS Consortium Center were recently awarded a total of \$1,239,621 by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to address the AIDS problem.

The grant, which was awarded to the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS), will be used to coordinate intensive prevention and research activities aimed at reducing the incidence, morbidity and mortality of HIV infection among minorities. The consortium is headed by Dr. Rudolph E. Jackson, professor and acting chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the Morehouse

School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Statistics show that AIDS is becoming less and less a disease of White, gay men in the United States

"Minorities, primarily Blacks and Hispanics, now constitute 45 percent of the 121,000 cases of AIDS reported since the epidemic began in 1981. In fact, some researchers predict that AIDS will become a 'ghetto disease' by the year 2000," said a National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases official.

The consortium includes Morehouse School of Medicine, Texas Southern University, Florida A&M, Drew University, Xavier University, Meharry Medical College and Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine.



Lincoln University President Niara Sudarkasa (3rd, left in rear) greets (front row) Mrs. Thelma Goring, mother of "Amen" star Clifton Davis; Ms. Helen Jackson, mother of the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Ms. Annie Hall, mother of Arsenio Hall; Back row (l-r) Dr. T.L. Davis, Clifton's father; Mrs. Gussie Turner, mother of Miss America Debbye Turner; Mrs. Hortense Canady and Dr. Clinton Canady, parents of Dr. Alexa Canady; and Robert Warner, father of Malcolm-Jamal Warner of "The Cosby Show" sitcom on NBC-TV.

Celebrity Parents Feted At Lincoln University

The parents of several of the nation's most outstanding Black "super achievers" were saluted recently during Lincoln University's annual Parents' Day on Lincoln's southern Chester County campus near Philadelphia.

The celebrity parents honored were: Ms. Helen Jackson, mother of the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Dr. T.L. Davis and Mrs. Thelma Goring, parents of TV star Clifton Davis; Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Canady, parents of noted neurosurgeon Dr. Alexa Canady; Ms. Gussie Turner, mother of Miss

America Debbye Turner; Ms. Annie Hall, mother of popular TV show host Arsenio Hall; and Ms. Pamela Warner and Mr. Robert Warner Jr., parents of "The Cosby Show" actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

Said Rev. Jackson of his mother, "There is nothing like a mother's love. Whatever I have become it is because you have been the 'wind beneath my wings.' I love you very much."

The honorees were presented Outstanding Parent Awards by Lincoln University President Niara Sudarkasa who said, "Lincoln takes great pride in being the first university to initiate (this



Achievers whose parents were honored (l-r) Jesse Jackson, Clifton Davis, Alexa Canady, Debbye Turner, Arsenio Hall and Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

award) for men and women whose sacrifices have propelled their children to fame and fortune... These super achievers and their

parents are positive role models for coming generations of African American youth as well as for their parents."

Virginia Union Alumnus Makes \$1 Million Gift



Evelyn Reid Syphax
Union University in Richmond its
first million dollar bequest.

A member of one of the country's oldest Black families, Mrs. Evelyn Reid Syphax said that she "loved Virginia Union" and wanted to do something constructive to help the Baptist institution. "As a student, I remember the school for its 'one happy family spirit,'" she told JET. For the past ten years, she has served on the school's board of trustees. Six years ago, she established a \$50,000 scholarship fund at the school, which, so far, has helped three students.

Widow of Archie D. Syphax,

A Black woman whose family dates back in Virginia history to the time of President George Washington, has given Virginia Union University in Richmond its first million dollar bequest.

Sr., a prominent real estate businessman who at one time owned 25 houses and two apartment buildings, she operated a child care center and a senior citizens home for many years.

A year-long exhibit of the Syphax family opened at the National Archives in Washington last month. One of President Washington's relatives had a relationship with a slave woman that began the clan of light-skinned Blacks who played a prominent role in the state's history.

The longtime Arlington resident will present the money to Virginia Union during the May 2nd commencement. University President Dallas Simmons told Ms. Syphax that the gift was the largest ever from the alumni. The money will become part of a drive by the university to raise \$30 million for school improvement. Dr. Simmons also announced that the new school library will be named in honor of Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder, also a graduate of the school.



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JOSLINS

Aurora

FLORIDA

PARISIAN

Pensacola

GEORGIA

PARISIAN

Columbus

\$15 Million Lawsuit Filed In Calif. Muslim's Death

A \$15 million wrongful death lawsuit was filed in Los Angeles County in behalf of a 7-year-old girl whose father was killed in January during a disturbance with sheriff's deputies.

The attorney for Brittany Beasley filed the suit in connection with the fatal shooting of her father, Oliver Beasley, 27, of Los Angeles.

Officials said what began as a routine traffic stop turned into a brawl when members of the Nation of Islam began fighting with deputies in front of an apartment building used as a Muslim meeting place.

Officials said a deputy trainee's gun was taken during the brawl and he drew a backup pistol, firing several rounds and fatally wounding Beasley in the head.

Blacks Angry In Teaneck N.J. Over Youth's Death

Three persons were injured recently during a protest in Teaneck, N.J., over a White police officer fatally shooting a Black teen-ager.

Angry youths turned over cars, broke the windows of a municipal building and stores, and widespread looting was reported. Authorities said Phillip Pannell, 15, was fatally wounded when police investigated a report of a teen-ager brandishing a gun near a schoolyard. Police maintain they found a loaded gun on Pannell.

Protesters, however, asked for a special prosecutor to investigate the shooting.

LAW AND JUSTICE

Ex-Cop Who Sparked Miami Riots 'Attempts' Suicide

William Lozano, the Miami police officer convicted of manslaughter for the deaths of two Blacks in the Overtown section of the city, was in stable condition in a Miami hospital at JET press time after an apparent suicide attempt, officials said.

Authorities did not disclose the nature of Lozano's injuries.

He was the target of racial unrest in Miami when motorcyclist Clement Lloyd, 23, and passenger Allan Blanchard, 24, were killed when Lloyd was shot by Lozano as Lloyd fled police after a traffic violation. Blanchard died of injuries suffered in the crash.

Lozano, who called himself a scapegoat for the city's racial problems, was sentenced to seven years in prison (JET, Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 1990).

He was appealing his conviction at JET press time.

Oak Park Police (Ill.) Study Shows Incidents Of Racism

A Special Internal Affairs Investigating Team of the Oak Park police department found that five racially motivated incidents occurred within the department between 1978 and 1988.

The most serious finding was that White officers blocked the transmissions of radio calls for help made by Black officers.

The findings were based on interviews with 94 current and former officers, police reports and internal affairs documents.

SOCIETY WORLD

COCKTAIL CHITCHAT: The 65th Annual Dawn Dance, sponsored by the Washington Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, was a successful affair in D.C. Some 1,300 revelers rocked and swayed to the soulful tunes of featured performer **Jerry Butler**, affectionately known as The Iceman. Congressman **Walter Fauntroy** (D., D.C.), a distinguished Kappa brother, and other merrymakers enjoyed dancing the Electric Slide. **Walter H. Brown Jr.** is the pole-march, Atty. **Richard R. Clark**, chaired the fabulous event...In Charm City, a fashion show luncheon was sponsored by the Baltimore Links. **Joy Hall**, the 1989 National Easter Seal Poster Child, was among the celebrity models...Orchids to prexy **Barbara M. Owings**, **Minnie R. Smoot**, chairperson and the Baltimore chapter for their best fashion show ever...**Joseph P. Watkins**, associated director of public liaison at the White House, will be the commencement speaker at Indiana Wesleyan University. Watkins soon will be featured in the book *Men of Courage* by the Carnation Corporation...Some 150 guests joined **Alan and Brenda Caine** at their fabulous 25th wedding anniversary celebration at elegant Harro East in Rochester, N.Y. **Carol Champ** and **Peggy Harvey Lee** were terrific coordinators...The National Holidays Bridge Club will convene in Memphis on Labor Day weekend...**Allen Benson** of Philadelphia was jubilant when more than 75 relatives and friends showered him with gifts and greetings at his 85th birthday party. His three brothers, all in their 80s, were among the well-wishers.



■ **Fabulous Wedding:** Dr. and Mrs. Selwyn Eugene Willis recently exchanged wedding vows in a fabulous double-ring ceremony at the Israel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. The bride, the former Felecia Superior Waddleton, is a Howard University graduate and third-year medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. The bridegroom, a graduate of the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, is currently in private practice in Longview, Texas, the couple's home base.





■ **NFL Twins' Weddings:** Identical twins Reginald McKenzie, a linebacker for the Phoenix Cardinals, and Raleigh McKenzie, an offensive lineman with the Washington Redskins, recently married their sweethearts in separate ceremonies. Reginald (l) a University of Tennessee graduate, exchanged vows with the former June Coney in Los Angeles. She is a law student at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. Reggie and June honeymooned in the Caribbean and reside in Los Angeles. Raleigh, also a University of Tennessee graduate, joined hands in holy matrimony with the former Martha Trower in Alexandria, Va. She is a student at the Virginia Business College. Raleigh and Martha spent their honeymoon in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and they live in Alexandria, Va.



■ **Day To Remember:** Mr. and Mrs. Reginald E. Crowder recently shared a special day when they married at Hamilton United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. The bride, formerly Jean Elloise Todd, is a graduate of California State University (Northridge). She is a community liaison officer in the department of certification at Los Angeles' Martin Luther King Hospital. The groom, also a California State University (Dominguez Hills) graduate, is employed in environmental services at MLK Hospital.



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Marriot City Center	2:00 p.m.
Colorado Springs, CO	Mon., May 7
Wasson High School	8:00 p.m.
Ft. Collins, CO	Tues., May 8
Lincoln Center Performance Hall	8:00 p.m.
Cheyenne, WY	Wed., May 9
Cheyenne Civic Center	8:00 p.m.
Omaha, NE	Fri., May 11
Orpheum Theatre	8:00 p.m.
Des Moines, IA	Sat., May 12
DesMoines Women's Club	8:00 p.m.
Waterloo, IA	Tues., May 15
Five Sullivan Brothers Center	8:00 p.m.
Davenport, IA	Wed., May 16
River Center	8:00 p.m.
Springfield, IL	Thurs., May 17
Springfield Southeast High School	8:00 p.m.
Rockford, IL	Fri., May 18
Rockford Theatre	8:00 p.m.
Racine, WI	Sat., May 19
Memorial Hall	8:00 p.m.
North Chicago, IL	Sun., May 20
University of Health Sciences	4:00 p.m.
Hamilton, Canada	Wed., May 23
Hamilton Convention Centre	8:00 p.m.

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Redmond, WA



Ellison 1st Black Pres. Of White House Correspondents



Bob Ellison elected president of the White House Correspondents' Association in the organization's 76-year history.

Ellison, who for the past year has served as vice president of the organization, has been Sheridan's White House Correspondent since 1982. Before joining Sheridan, Ellison was a radio news reporter in D.C.

New York Times Promotes 2 To Vice President Posts

Two Black senior corporate executives at the New York Times Company have been promoted to vice presidents, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, chairman and chief executive officer, announced.

The new vice presidents are Leslie Mardenborough, director of corporate personnel; and Solomon B. Watson IV, general counsel. Ms. Mardenborough, 42 and a 1968 graduate of Albright College, joined the company in 1981 as a project manager in human resources planning and development. Solomon, 46, a graduate of Howard University (1966) and Harvard Law School (1971), joined the company in 1974.

Sheridan Broadcasting Network's White House Correspondent Bob Ellison recently became the first Black

Sickle Cell Treatment Shows Promise Of Cure

A drug already used for certain cancers and blood disorders is showing early potential as a treatment for sickle cell anemia, researchers say.

If future research confirms the findings and shows longterm safety, the drug hydroxyurea could be the first to attack the cause of the disease rather than its symptoms.

"We're cautiously optimistic," says Dr. Griffin Rodgers of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases in Bethesda, Md.

Findings from an early study published in the New England Journal of Medicine show the drug worked in 7 of 10 patients.

The disease, which is inherited, affects 50,000 people in the USA, mostly Blacks. Because there's no successful treatment, 10 percent to 20 percent die by age 3.

Study Says TV Viewing Is Making Kids Violent, Fat

Obesity and aggressive, violent behavior in children could be the result of prolonged television viewing, a recent study by the American Academy of Pediatrics concluded.

In the academy's first statement on television since 1984, it said TV is sending irresponsible messages about alcohol and sexual behavior.

The academy predicts that today's children will have spent seven years in front of the TV by the time they reach age 70.

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NEWSMAKERS

Playboy Names First Black Playmate Of Year

For the first time in Playboy's 35-year history, a Black woman has been named Playmate of the Year.

Reneé Tenison, 21, who hails from the tiny rural community of Melba, Idaho, about 20 miles southwest of Boise, embarked on her career with Playboy about a year ago when she won second place in a contest at a Halloween party in her community. She dressed up as a Playboy bunny. "I got beat out by a green M&M," she says.

But that temporary setback led to much bigger and better accomplishments. For example, she re-

cently won \$100,000 and a 1990 all-wheel-drive Eagle Talon TSI for being named Playmate of the Year.

"It makes me happy because it's history-making," she told JET of her new title. "It makes it more special than being a playmate when you're the first of something. To me, it makes it a lot more special."

She also will be featured in a 55-minute program celebrating her title: "Playboy Video Centerfold: Playmate of the Year 1990."

She said her family members are the only Blacks living in Melba, a community of some 300 residents. She was graduated from high school in 1987 in a graduating class of 450.

Although she attended Boise State University for three months before she dropped out to become a Playboy bunny, Ms. Tenison hopes to return to college to pursue fashion design.

Ben Vereen Ordered To Pay Woman \$7,500

Actor-dancer Ben Vereen was ordered by a Los Angeles Superior judge to pay \$7,500 to a woman, who claimed Vereen entered her apartment and assaulted her.

Consequently, the woman, Christine Rich, allegedly agreed to return the entertainer's Les Brown recordings, letters, photos and answering machine tapes containing Vereen's messages.

The two, who were ordered to stay at least 100 yards apart and whose relationship was not revealed at JET press time, also agreed not to discuss the case.

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Michael Jackson outfoxed Yoko Ono and Paul McCartney in buying catalog of music by Beatles.

McCartney Blames Yoko For Jackson's Beatles' Purchase

Superstar Michael Jackson was able to snatch up publishing rights to many of the Beatles classics penned by Paul McCartney and John Lennon (JET, Sept. 2, 1985) because Yoko Ono was trying to stall for a lower price on the collection, McCartney said recently in *Musician* magazine.

When he heard four years ago the songs were up for sale, McCartney said he contacted

British show biz tycoon Lew Grade, who owned the tunes. Grade put a price tag of \$20 million on the collection, McCartney said.

McCartney contacted Lennon's widow and suggested they put up \$10 million each to get back rights he and Lennon had signed away years earlier, McCartney said. But Ms. Ono said, "I think that's too high a price. I think we can get 'em for five." During the delay, Jackson bought the catalog for a reported \$50 million.

Daytime Soaps A Hit With Basketball Stars

Daytime soaps are a hit with many of today's professional basketball stars, according to a new survey by Soap Opera Challenge.

The survey says twice as many NBA stars as NFL stars watch the soaps to pass time during the afternoons as they wait for their night games. The favorite soap of the stars surveyed is ABC's "All My Children."

Kenny Walker of the New York Knicks and Otis Smith of the Orlando Magic tied for the title of "Biggest Soaphead in the NBA." They both watch five soaps an afternoon.

Other NBA stars and their favorite soaps include: Isiah Thomas ("General Hospital"); Patrick Ewing ("The Young and the Restless"); Ralph Sampson ("One Life to Live"); Spud Webb ("All My Children") and Charles Barkley ("The Young and the Restless.")

'Do The Right Thing' To Air On CBS-TV Next Year

Moviegoers who missed Spike Lee's hit, *Do The Right Thing*, in the theaters, will get a chance to see it on CBS-TV next year.

In an unprecedented deal, CBS reportedly paid Universal Pictures \$50 million for the movie rights to *Do the Right Thing*, *Born on the Fourth of July* and *Field of Dreams*.

Arsenio Hall Talk Show Outlasts Pat Sajak's Show

Arsenio Hall's rising popularity recently claimed its first victim when CBS announced that it was canceling "The Pat Sajak Show" after 15 months.

Sajak's late-night show premiered at about the same time as Hall's show. However, Sajak got the lion's share of the national publicity. Both shows aired opposite long-time late night champ Johnny Carson.

Carson maintained the conservative and middle-of-the-road audience while Hall brought younger viewers into the late-night arena. Sajak never found an audience while Hall's unique brand of humor helped his number increase almost weekly.

Williams Tabbed For Rights Post At U.S. Treasury Dept.



Michael L. Williams

Washington, D.C., recently was nominated by President Bush to be assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education.

If approved, he will succeed LeGree S. Daniels. Prior to his current position, Williams served as a special assistant to the attorney general at the U.S. Department of Justice and a domestic policy analyst for Bush-Quayle.

Aty. Michael L. Williams, the deputy assistant secretary for law enforcement at the U.S. Department of the Treasury in

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Words of the Week

Tracy Chapman, Grammy Award-winning folk singer who is a graduate of Tufts University in Medford, Mass., on how college has helped her music career: *"I think what college did for me and what it can do for other people, is it allows you to communicate and tells you, shows you, the importance of an education. It also teaches you how to write. I certainly think it helped my song-writing. I was introduced to a lot of different ideas, especially through anthropology and the study of other cultures."*

John Morton-Finney, whose father was a former slave and who has earned 11 degrees, speaks six languages, reads three or four books at a time and still practices law in Indianapolis at 100, commenting on his thirst for knowledge: *"There's so much to know in this world. And it is such a pleasure for me to learn. Besides, a cultivated man would never say, 'I finished my education' because he graduated from college. There is no end to learning."*

L. Douglas Wilder, the first Black elected governor of Virginia, explaining in the May issue of EM (EBONY MAN) political strategy for Black candidates: *"I think you can't run as a Black candidate or a White candidate. And I don't think you need to wait until your district is composed of a majority of your race before you seek office... If you are qualified... if you have the capabilities... then hit it, try it."*

James Ingram, hit recording artist, on why ballads and love songs have long-lasting appeal: *"The messages that stick with me are more like songs that talk about how you get through a love affair. Things all of us can relate to."*

Ruth Brown, veteran Tony and Grammy Award-winning performer, noting that despite her phenomenal comeback success, she has remained humble and down to earth: *"God don't love ugly—and He ain't too pleased with beautiful every once in a while."*



Tracy Chapman



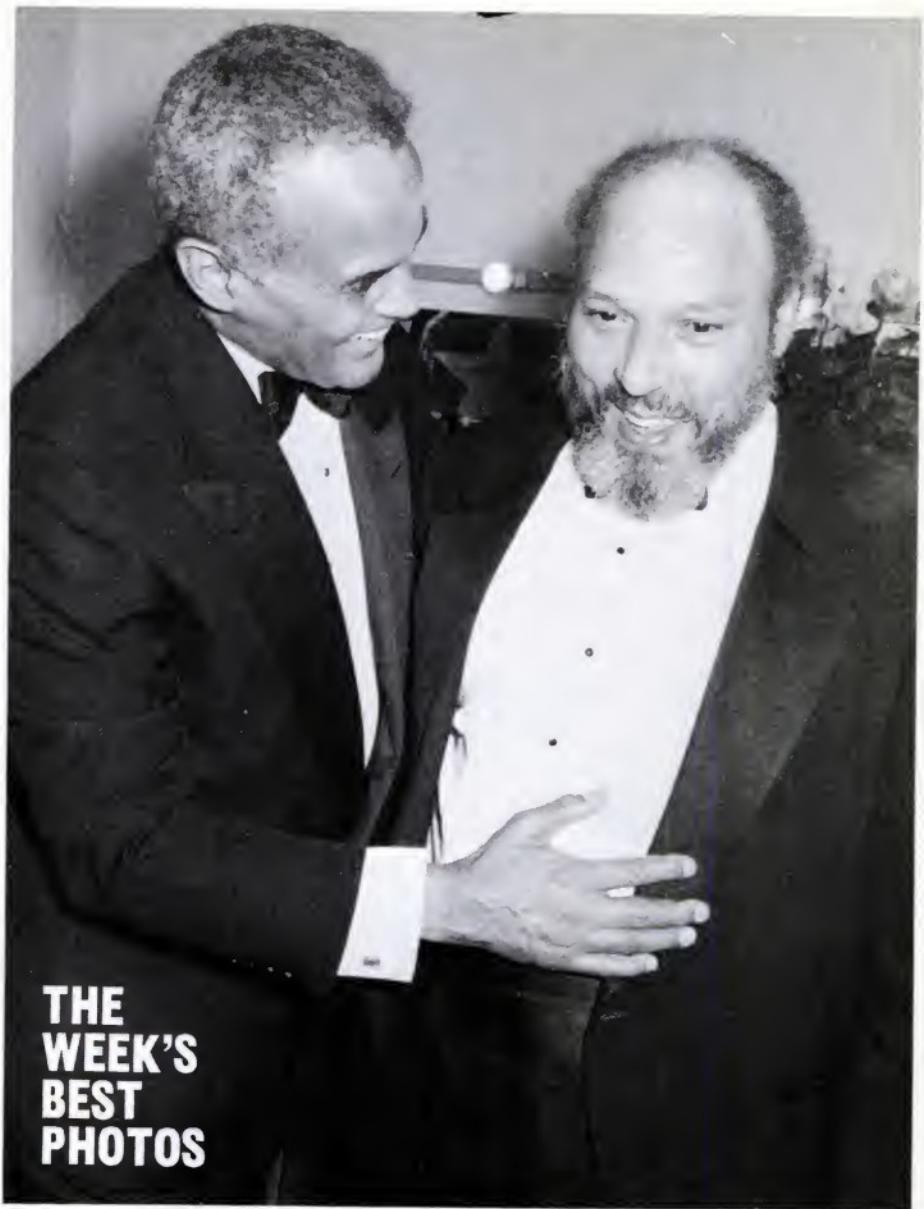
L. Douglas Wilder



James Ingram



Ruth Brown



THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS

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► **Congratulations:** Entertainer Harry Belafonte congratulates renowned playwright August Wilson following the recent opening night performance of Wilson's newest play, *The Piano Lesson*, on Broadway. The drama earned Wilson his second Pulitzer Prize.

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■ **International Beauties:** The new Miss Universe, Mona Grudt of Norway, is flanked by 1st runner up Miss USA Carole Gist, the first Black American to compete in the contest, and 2nd runner up Miss Colombia Lisbeth Mahecha following recent pageant in Hollywood.



Showtime Networks Inc.

► **Birthday Surprise:** Talented musician Herbie Hancock was surprised when buddies Richard Pryor and Quincy Jones recently presented him with a cake bearing his likeness during a party at the China Club in Hollywood marking Hancock's 50th birthday.

Thirty-Four Black Major League Baseball Players Earn \$1 Million Or More

For most major league players, the season couldn't begin soon enough. For those players, the sooner the season began, the sooner they would begin receiving their seven-figure salaries.

This season, 34 Black major leaguers will earn \$1 million or



Kirby Puckett



Eddie Murray

more, with ten above the \$2 million mark. The highest paid Black player is Minnesota Twins spark-plug Kirby Puckett, who earns \$2.7 million this season. Following Puckett is Los Angeles Dodgers veteran Eddie Murray, who is paid \$2.51 million. Rickey Henderson, star of the World Champion Oakland's A's, will earn \$2.25 million this season, and the New York Yankees' Dave Winfield, coming back from being sidelined with a back ailment, is next at \$2.12 million.

Cincinnati Reds star Eric Davis and Chicago Cubs star Andre Dawson both will earn \$2.1 million this season, while Dodgers infielder Pedro Guerrero and San

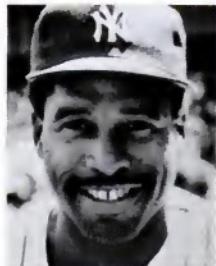
Francisco Giants home run hitter Kevin Mitchell both earn \$2.08 million. Montreal Expos base thief Tim Raines is at \$2.05 million and Toronto Blue Jays power hitter George Bell rounds out the top ten salaries \$2.0 million.

The St. Louis Cardinals boast the most Black millionaires, with five on the roster, while three clubs, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Houston have no Black million-dollar players.

And while those salaries represent the 1990 figures, some of



Rickey Henderson



Dave Winfield

these players have salary packages that average far more. Oakland's Dave Stewart, who will earn only \$960,000 this season, has a two-year contract, beginning next season, that will average \$3.5 million.

Eric Davis' three-year pact averages \$3.1 million, San Diego's Joe Carter's three-year contract averages \$3.06 million and both Henderson and Puckett average over \$3 million a season.

Ironically, the lowest paid of these millionaires is Bo Jackson, who was the 1989 All-Star game MVP. However, he is only a part-time major leaguer, drawing a \$1 million salary from the NFL L.A. Raiders.

Black Million-Dollar Baseball Players For 1990 Season

Player	Team	1990 Salary
Kirby Puckett	Minnesota Twins	\$2.7 million
Eddie Murray	Los Angeles Dodgers	2.51
Rickey Henderson	Oakland Athletics	2.25
Dave Winfield	New York Yankees	2.12
Eric Davis	Cincinnati Reds	2.10
Andre Dawson	Chicago Cubs	2.10
Pedro Guerrero	St. Louis Cardinals	2.08
Kevin Mitchell	San Francisco Giants	2.08
Tim Raines	Montreal Expos	2.05
George Bell	Toronto Blue Jays	2.0
Ozzie Smith	St. Louis Cardinals	1.975
Dwight Gooden	New York Mets	1.896
Terry Pendleton	St. Louis Cardinals	1.85
Darryl Strawberry	New York Mets	1.8
Lou Whitaker	Detroit Tigers	1.8
Willie McGee	St. Louis Cardinals	1.5
Alvin Davis	Seattle Mariners	1.475
Lonnie Smith	Atlanta Braves	1.458
Lloyd Moseby	Detroit Tigers	1.4
Chili Davis	California Angels	1.375
Harold Baines	Texas Rangers	1.333
Jesse Barefield	New York Yankees	1.266
Shawon Dunston	Chicago Cubs	1.25
Bobby Bonilla	Pittsburgh Pirates	1.25
Dave Parker	Milwaukee Brewers	1.2
Lee Smith	Boston Red Sox	1.2
Phil Bradley	Baltimore Orioles	1.15
Frank White	Kansas City Royals	1.15
Johnny Ray	California Angels	1.125
Mel Hall	New York Yankees	1.1
Tony Gwynn	San Diego Padres	1.06
Vince Coleman	St. Louis Cardinals	1.1
Alfredo Griffin	Los Angeles Dodgers	1.0
Bo Jackson	Kansas City Royals	1.0



George Foreman is pushed away from a prone Mike Jameson by referee Mills Lane after scoring a KO.

Dickerson Considered For TBS TV Sports Position



Eric Dickerson is being seriously considered for a TV broadcasting job with TBS.

Dickerson, the NFL's number seven all-time career rusher, met recently with TBS Sports senior vice president and executive producer Don McGuire.

"We're dead serious about having him involved in our NFL telecasts," said McGuire. "Eric is a fascinating guy and I think he has all the tools to be a superstar on

Eric Dickerson, All-Pro Indianapolis Colts running back who said he is retiring from football because he's tired of the sport, is being seriously considered for a TV broadcasting job with TBS.

Foreman Slams 21st Win, Continues Title Quest

Former heavyweight boxing champ George Foreman continued his march through the netherworld of the heavyweight division with a fourth-round KO of journeyman Mike Jameson, the 21st consecutive win since beginning his comeback in 1987.

"I can take a good punch," said Jameson, who was a sparring partner for Mike Tyson. "But by God, he hit me harder than anyone, even Mike Tyson. He hits you with those hands, it's like a wrecking ball coming at you."

Foreman, 41, with 66 wins in 68 fights with 62 KOs, earned \$200,000 for the fight.

television someday."

Jackson State Gridders Die In Automobile Mishap

Three Jackson State University football players were killed in an automobile accident near Macon, Mississippi.

Killed in the one-car accident were Casey Conner, a freshman linebacker from Prairie Point, Miss.; Charles Ford, a sophomore cornerback from Memphis, Tenn.; and Michael Kimble, a sophomore linebacker, also from Memphis.

"It's a very devastating and tragic loss to our football program," said Tiger head football coach W.C. Gorden. "They were three fine individuals in addition to being outstanding football players." Conner and Ford were projected as starters for the Jackson State team this fall.

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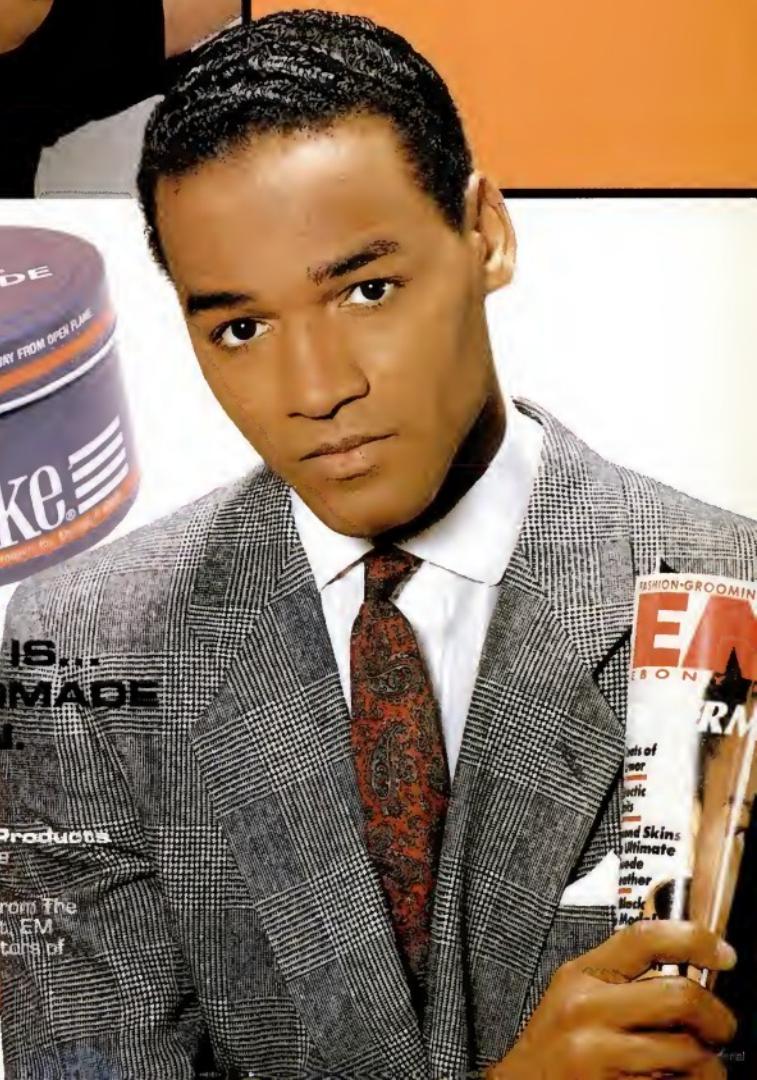
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Braves Hank Aaron Mulls Retiring From Baseball



Hank Aaron
career in baseball.

Aaron, a senior vice president and special assistant to the club's president, suggested that he is growing tired of the game.

"I'm not going to sit here and say I'm going to be here the next two, three or four years," said Aaron. "I've been involved with baseball all of my life. I will probably always be involved in it in some respect. But from the standpoint of being actively involved in

Atlanta Braves executive Hank Aaron, the all-time leader in home runs, says he is contemplating ending his five-decade ca-

baseball, I could certainly walk away from it."

Aaron has several business concerns that he could spend more time with. He owns six Arby's restaurants in Milwaukee, is a spokesman for Pepsi and serves on the national board of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

"I could leave the Braves today or tomorrow and not miss baseball," said Aaron, who began his major league career in 1954 in Milwaukee and retired from playing in 1976 after belting 755 home runs, surpassing Babe Ruth's record. He was the Braves' director of player development for 13 years.

"If I had done that when I first left baseball it would have been extremely hard. But I think I'm involved enough in other things now that I could leave here and go to another phase in my life," said Aaron.

Pryor Denied Nev. License, Legally Blind In One Eye



Aaron Pryor
to box in Nevada after it was found that he is blind in one eye.

Pryor, whose two epic victories over Alexis Arguello made him boxing's hottest fighter, was attempting a comeback after prob-

lems with drugs and police. He failed an eye examination in Nevada, and he is legally blind in his left eye, the result of a boxing injury.

Magic's MVP On Bench Outpolls Black Starters

Orlando Magic team officials are a little embarrassed by the results of a poll co-sponsored by a local grocery chain that picked reserve guard Scott Skiles as team Most Valuable Player.

Skiles, who is White, is ninth on the team in scoring and has started only 28 games. He averages only 7.5 points per game.



■ **First Round Draft Picks:** First round NFL draft picks (l-r) Jeff George, Junior Seau and Blair Thomas (far, r) are congratulated by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue (2nd, r) after their selections. They were among the top 25 first round picks.

Michael Jordan Calls Criticism A Bum Rap

Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan recently called a foul on criticism leveled at him over reports of Black youngsters killing each other for NBA jackets and expensive sneakers like his Nike Air Jordan shoes.

"It's kind of ironic that the press builds people like me up to be a role model and then blames us for the unfortunate crimes kids are committing," he said. "Kids commit crimes to get NFL jackets, cars, jewelry and many other things. But nobody is criticizing people who promote those products," Jordan added.

Filmmaker Spike Lee and Georgetown coach John Thompson have also been blasted for promoting the sports wear. Jor-

dan concluded, "I also don't hear anybody knocking sports stars like Larry Bird and Joe Montana who also endorse their brand of shoes and other sporting goods."

Pistons, 76ers Fined A League-Record \$162,500

The Detroit Pistons and Philadelphia's 76ers were fined a total of \$162,500, a league record, for a brawl near the end of the regular season that turned so ugly that Pistons fans also got involved.

Bill Laimbeer and Charles Barkley each were fined \$20,000, plus they were suspended for one game along with Hastings, who was fined \$10,000. Each team was fined \$50,000. Detroit's Isiah Thomas was fined \$7,500 and five other players from each team were fined \$500 apiece.



ENTERTAINMENT

South African freedom fighter Nelson Mandela, with his wife, Winnie, and Adelaide Tambo, wife of ANC President Oliver Tambo, salute the London crowd and performers participating in musical tribute to him.

Stars Shine In London To Aid Mandela's Fight To Win Freedom

An enthusiastic crowd of 73,000 mostly White, socially conscious music lovers give Mandela a roaring welcome at Wembley Stadium.

By LYNN NORMENT
Photos By VANDELL COBB

From around the world, the superstars came out to pay tribute to freed South African leader Nelson Mandela.



And so did the sun. After a day of intermittent rain, the dark clouds gave way to clear and sunny skies at about 5 p.m., just as an exceptionally excited crowd of 73,000 packed into London's Wembley Stadium for a star-studded tribute to Mandela. Some called the sun's appearance a "miracle" most befitting the real star of the show, Mandela himself.

The first group of performers included an exuberant Patti LaBelle, as well as the Neville Brothers, whose current LP was Britain's "album of the year," and Tracy Chapman, whose socially conscious lyrics have sold more than 15 million albums worldwide. Ms. Chapman most appropriately performed *Freedom Now*, which she wrote in tribute to Mandela while he was still imprisoned, *Born To Fight*, and *Talkin' Bout A Revolution*, which she sang immediately after Mandela's moving and upbeat 20-minute speech to the mostly White, and young, British crowd.

Sassy Patti LaBelle entertained the crowd, as did Tracy Chapman, who performed several freedom songs she wrote for Mandela.



British comic Lenny Henry and Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington served as hosts for the six-hour musical tribute.

"Do not listen to anyone who says you must give up the struggle against apartheid," Mandela told the roaring crowd who frequently interrupted him with applause and cheers. "Reject any suggestion that the campaign to isolate the apartheid system should be wound down. It is only





Producer/bandleader George Duke (l) and singers Natalie Cole, Anita Baker and Bonnie Raitt were still excited backstage after performing a set together. "Everybody here is ecstatic," said Baker.

Mandela Urged Continued Struggle Against Apartheid

those who support apartheid who can argue that the Pretoria government should be rewarded for the small steps it has taken, such as our release and the unbanning of the ANC and other organizations."

It was Mandela's first major address to an international event since his release two months ago after 27 years of imprisonment. The tribute was broadcast live to a billion viewers in 40 countries. However, it was not broadcast to South Africa, which the organizers boycotted, nor to the United

Aaron Neville and the Neville Brothers were among the performers, as were pop artists Neneh Cherry, who performed with rappers Stetsasonic.



States, where television networks rejected it as "too political."

"The reward the people of South Africa and the rest of the world seek is the end of apartheid and the transformation of our country into a non-racial democracy," Mandela told the crowd, which had previously chanted "Nelson, Nelson, Nelson." "That prospect will only become reality as a result of struggle."

Accompanying Mandela on the stage adorned with the ANC green, black and yellow flag, were his wife, Winnie, and Adelaide Tambo, wife of African National Congress President Oliver Tambo, who is ill. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was among the political figures and patrons of the International Reception Committee, sponsor of the concert tribute, who attended the concert.

The excitement of the crowd extended backstage where the performers were delighted when Mandela came back to thank them. "Over the years in prison, I tried to follow developments in music, and your contributions gave me tremendous inspiration through my difficult days," he told the artists. "Today, I can now thank you face to face. The freedom of Black people will take place during our lifetime. The message you are sending out is stronger than the message being sent out by politicians. We, the people of South Africa, respect each and every one of you. We love you."

"Everybody here is ecstatic," super singer Anita Baker said after Mandela visited backstage.



Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, convener of the Mandela Reception Committee, addresses crowd.

"You can see it, feel it, in spite of the rain, the cold. And the fact that Mr. Mandela came back here to thank us personally meant a lot to everybody." Ms. Baker says she put on hold work on her soon-to-be released album to participate in the tribute.

Terence Trent D'Arby performed an untitled song he wrote especially for Mandela. "Meeting him was what I imagine it would be like for the English to meet the Queen—he's a king," he said. "I had tears in my eyes."

Also participating in the concert tribute were Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington, who was one of the presenters and who calmed down the crowd to allow Mandela to speak; Natalie Cole, Bonnie Raitt, Mica Paris, Stanley Clarke, Hugh Masekela, Nenah Cherry, Stetsasonic, Jungle Brothers, Youssour N'Dour, British comic Lenny Henry, Peter Gabrielle, Johnny Clegg, Jackson Browne, Terence Trent D'Arby, and a number of South African artists.

'Cosby,' 'Roseanne' Split Over No. 1 TV Spot

Superstar Bill Cosby's "The Cosby Show" and Roseanne Barr's "Roseanne" are locked in a split ratings dispute over which show is No. 1 for the season.

CBS maintained that NBC's "Cosby Show" is No. 1 for the fifth year in a row. "The most popular show on TV is Bill Cosby's because it has a higher share of audience," stated CBS senior vice president of planning and research, David Poltrack. He insists that the two shows tied for first place. However, ABC and the A.C. Nielsen Co. say "Roseanne" is the No. 1 show.

The controversy stems from an episode of "Roseanne" that aired on another time and night than its regular programmed time and night. Some TV execs calculating the ratings figures view that "Roseanne" episode as a special and specials are not normally included in seasonal ratings calculations.

Chubby Checker A Hit in 'Oreo Twist' Media Blitz

Nabisco didn't have to twist Chubby Checker's arm to get him to sign on as the key personality in their popular new promotional blitz for its Oreo cookie.

Checker, who gained fame in the 1960s with the tune *The Twist*, which sparked a dance craze, said of the chocolate cookies with the vanilla cream filling, "They've always been my favorite." The multimillion dollar "Oreo Twist" campaign began with a splash of promotions.

Mario Van Peebles Directs Upcoming Action Movie

Actor Mario Van Peebles is wearing the hat of motion picture director these days, and is in New York City, directing the movie, *New Jack City*.

He also is serving as co-star of the action adventure film along with rap artist Ice T and actors Judd Nelson and Wesley Snipes.

Peebles is also set to direct and star in his father filmmaker Melvin Van Peebles' movie project on the Black Panthers. The elder Van Peebles is preparing a film adaptation based on a book he has just completed on the Black Panther Party.

Rites In Chicago For Comic 'Hi Fi' White, 55

Funeral services were held recently in Chicago for Wilbur "Hi Fi" White, 55, veteran comedian who was best known for his female impersonation routines.

White died of a heart attack while in a Memphis bus station en route to a performance in Greenville, Miss. He is survived by two brothers, Raymond and Fred; and two sisters, Ethel Gadson and Dorothy McBride.

Alex Haley Set To Write Book About Grandparents

Author Alex Haley of *Roots* says stories he's heard from his grandparents made him think of an Appalachian-oriented story about the relationship between a grandfather and his grandson.

Haley, whose *Roots* traced his family back to Africa, says he sees the story becoming another television miniseries.

People Are Talking About...

- * The three elderly women who walked up to Georgetown coach **John Thompson** and thought he was heavyweight boxing champion **James "Buster" Douglas**. At first, Thompson was flattered when they came up to him and said how much they admired him. But he was stunned when they said, "You did a good job beating Tyson." To that Thompson recalled thinking: "The Lord has a way of humbling you. That puts it all in perspective."
- * How even the stars have to wait for their luggage at airports. Just ask **Harry Belafonte**. He arrived recently at Indianapolis International Airport and had to wait more than half an hour for his luggage. "It's like this all over the world," he said with a laugh.
- * The busiest understudy on Broadway—**Melba Joyce**. A former backup singer for **Smokey Robinson**, she is the understudy for the stars in Broadway's *Black and Blue*. She's the one who fills in whenever the show's stars **Ruth Brown**, **Linda Hopkins** and **Carrie Smith** can't make it. On several performances, she's done the parts for Ms. Brown and Ms. Hopkins on the same night. Incidentally, talent runs in her family. Her daughter, **Carmen Bradford**, is the featured singer with the famed Count Basie Orchestra.
- * New soul singer **Lisa Stansfield** and are surprised when they learn she is a White soul singer from London. The new singer who is on the R&B charts with *All Around the World* was influenced by **Chaka Khan**, **Aretha Franklin**, **Dionne Warwick**, **James Brown** and **Barry White**. As far as being a White soul singer, she says, "Black artists are able to sing country, opera or rock. It matters not *what* you sing, but how *well* you sing it. Being a White soul singer is not the point—being a *good* soul singer is."
- * Downtown **Julie Brown**, sexy host of MTV's "Club MTV" music video show and how she describes her favorite basketball team, the Detroit Pistons. "When the Pistons are playing I wouldn't mind being the basketball."
- * Celebrating a birthday this week are: hit recording artist-songwriter **Ray Parker Jr.**, May 1; veteran actor **Roscoe Lee Brown**, May 2nd; Godfather of Soul **James Brown**, May 3rd; **Nick Ashford**, half of the hit recording team, Ashford and Simpson; and recording artist **Jackie Jackson** of the famed Jacksons, both on May 4; veteran soul singer **Johnnie Taylor** and tough guy actor **Jim Kelly**, both on May 5th and baseball legend, **Willie Mays**, May 6th.



JANET JACKSON And PAULA ABDUL Share Top Spot In Song And Dance

Janet Jackson shows off two American Music Awards for her hit tunes. She's the first female artist to win mega-stardom with song and dance.

Ms. Jackson dazzles fans with her steps on her first solo concert tour.



As a member of the singing Jackson family, it was pretty much a foregone conclusion that Janet, the youngest of the clan, could sing. In 1984, she showed the world that she could dance as well as sing when she joined the cast of "Fame."

Two years later, Janet was able to combine singing and dancing as no other female artist had ever done before when she released her mega-hit *Control* album. The videos featured seductive, precision-type dancing that was choreographed by a former Los Angeles Lakers cheerleader named Paula Abdul. Janet knew her because she had worked with the Jackson brothers on the *Torture* video.

Ms. Abdul choreographed four tunes from *Control*, including *Nasty* and *What Have You Done For Me Lately?* In those videos she combined sexual energy with classy, alluring moves. The combination propelled Janet into the classification of sexy superstar. Any who saw the videos witnessed the fact that Janet was, indeed, a full-grown woman.

Paula's star rose like Janet's. Soon, her services as a choreographer were in constant demand. She worked with ZZ Top, George Michael, the Pointer Sisters and

created the dance scenes in Eddie Murphy's hit movie *Coming to America*.

In 1988, Paula released her debut album *Forever Your Girl*. After the initial singles bombed, *Straight Up* began getting significant air play. The album eventually yielded four No. 1 hit singles and is still near the top of the record charts.

There are a number of similarities in the careers of the two superstars. The initial musical efforts of both were unsuccessful. However, in both cases, determination prevailed. Both are considered among the most beautiful and sexy artists the music industry has produced in many years. Their low-keyed personalities allowed them to become like sisters during and after the time they worked together. Paula gave Janet her wide-ranging knowledge of dance while Janet gave her quite a few pointers on what the music world is all about.

Both have had to deal with lingering rumors about a serious rift in their relationship. Both deny it. Paula said: "There is no feud. We're very close." She was quoted in People Magazine as saying "Janet's my prize pupil. She worked her butt off for me. The end result is that we made each other look extremely good."

Janet tells reporters that the reason the two do not communicate with each other that much is because of burgeoning careers, but there is still a sisterly feeling.

Ms. Abdul, who is a big hit, started gaining attention as a cheerleader for the Los Angeles Lakers.



Paula Abdul, who once choreographed for Ms. Jackson, displays two of her American Music Awards.

She said that she sent flowers to Paula when *Forever Your Girl* became No. 1 and received flowers from Paula when her album became No. 1.

The only place the two actually compete is for supremacy of the music charts. Paula's *Forever Your Girl* has competed with Janet's *Rhythm Nation* for many



weeks on the Billboard music charts. The two albums have been jockeying for the top spot for several weeks. Both artists, as well as their albums, have had some of their success fueled by wonderful videos.

Paula, a native of the San Fernando Valley section of L.A., was directing the moves of the Lakers cheerleaders when she caught the attention of such courtside fans as Arsenio Hall, Jackie and Marlon Jackson. That led to her working with the family.

As Ms. Abdul's success increased, so did the public's curiosity regarding her racial and ethnic background. Her mother is French Canadian and her father is Syrian-Brazilian. She admits

being surprised at the incredible amount of curiosity.

In addition to rumors of a rift between Paula and her, Janet also must contend with persistent reports of fighting inside the Jackson clan. She denies those rumors and says she is hurt by them.

Both Janet and Paula have had meteoric rises in their careers. And they are learning quickly how to deal with rumors, invasion of privacy and little personal time. Their ability to deal with the downside of celebrity status has come almost as quickly as the fame itself. Their high-tech visual and vocal styles are expected to keep them as hot commodities in Hollywood well into the decade.

Janet Jackson Gets Star On Hollywood Walk Of Fame

Janet Jackson recently became



the 1,911th celebrity to be honored with a star on Hollywood's prestigious Walk of Fame.

Ms. Jackson was honored for her numerous accomplishments in the music industry in record time as well as her philanthropic activities which included fund-raisers for the United Negro College Fund and a dropout prevention program.

In her trademark black, Janet waved to the enthusiastic crowd and thanked the record company (A&M Records), her producers, family and fans.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley said he often proclaims a day in L.A. for special individuals. Because Janet has accomplished so much with her *Control* and *Rhythm Nation* albums, he
The entertainer unveils her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



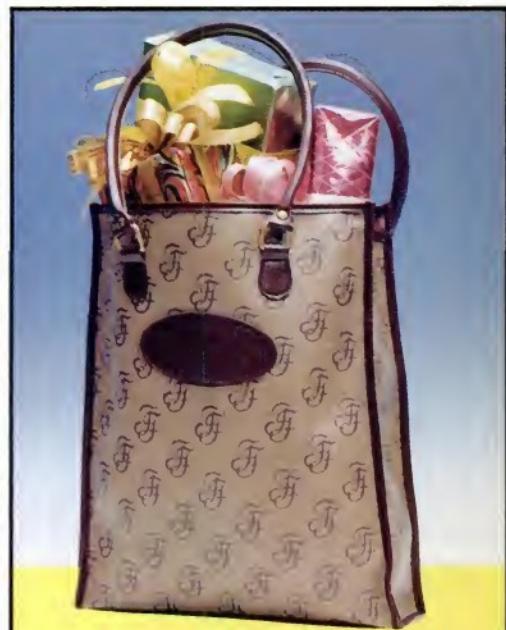
Talented Janet Jackson listens as L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley proclaims Janet Jackson Week.

proclaimed April 20-27, 1990 as Janet Jackson Week in Los Angeles.

During the ceremony, Johnny Grant, honorary Mayor of Hollywood, announced to the cheering crowd that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has voted to award a posthumous star to the late Marvin Gaye. The chamber is working on a date for the presentation.

Robert Guillaume Guest-Stars In Carol & Company

Actor Robert Guillaume of *Soap*, *Benson* and most recently *The Robert Guillaume Show*, guest starred recently in a segment of the new *Carol & Company* TV show. The two-time Emmy winner played the role of a security guard on the show with Carol Burnett.



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During Capitol Hill press conference Melba Moore (3rd, l) is lauded for her remake of song by (l-r) Coalition of 100 Black Women President Jewel Jackson McCabe, Congressman Walter Fauntroy, Director of the Sickle Cell Center at Howard University Dr. Roland Scott, NCNW President Dorothy Height, C. Delores Tucker, and Sr. Vice President of UNCF James Austin.

90th Anniversary Of Black Anthem 'Lift Every Voice' Feted By All-Star Remake

It was appropriate that the premiere showing of the music video for the release of the record *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, which has symbolized hope for Black America, was held in the nation's capital on Capitol Hill.

The song, which was written 90 years ago to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday, then adopted as the Black National Anthem, recently was recorded by an impressive array of multitalented musicians led by entertainer Melba Moore, who was commended for her efforts to get the song released.

"She's making history," said

Rep. Walter Fauntroy (D., D.C.) during a press conference as he displayed a plaque of the Congressional Record, in which Ms. Moore is applauded for her talent and the song is listed as a historical document.

"It is a sacred testimonial to history and the struggle of Black people to be free from oppression," said Ms. Moore.

The recording is the first release on Ms. Moore's newly released album *Soul Exposed*. In keeping with the spirit of the song, which was written by Black poet James Weldon Johnson, proceeds from the single's sales will go to the NAACP, the United Negro College Fund and the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease.

JET's TOP 20 Albums



Babyface



MC Hammer

Title	Artist and Label
1 TENDER LOVER	Babyface (Solar/CBS)
2 PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT EM	MC Hammer (Capitol)
3 RHYTHM NATION	Janet Jackson (A&M)
4 MICHEL'LE	Michele (Ruthless/Atco)
5 RICH & POOR	Randy Crawford (Warner Bros.)
6 MIKI HOWARD	Miki Howard (Atlantic)
7 FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET	Public Enemy (Def Jam)
8 DANCE YOU KNOW IT	Bobby Brown (MCA)
9 STAY WITH ME	Regina Belle (Columbia)
10 HOWARD HEWETT	Howard Hewett (Elektra)
11 BACK ON THE BLOCK	Quincy Jones (Warner Bros.)
12 POISON	Bell, Biv & Devoe (MCA)
13 AFTER SEVEN	After Seven (Virgin)
14 TOO MUCH PAIN	Little Milton (Malaco)
15 AFFECTION	Lisa Stansfield (Arista)
16 IT'S A BIG DADDY THANG	Big Daddy Kane (Cool Chilling)
17 THE REAL DEAL	Marvin Sease (London)
18 THE BEST OF LUTHER . . . THE BEST OF LOVE . . .	Luther Vandross (Epic)
19 SMOKEY	Smokey Robinson (Motown)
20 JOHNNY GILL	Johnny Gill (Motown)

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JET's Top 20 Singles

Title	Artist and Label
1 WHIP APPEAL	Babyface (Solar/CBS)
2 LOVE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT	Miki Howard (Atlantic)
3 READY OR NOT	After Seven (Virgin)
4 SPREAD MY WINGS	Troop (Atlantic)
5 POISON	Bell, Biv & Devoe (MCA)
6 TREAT YOU RIGHT	Luther Vandross (Epic)
7 HUMPTY DANCE	Digital Underground (Tommy Boy)
8 HERE AND NOW	Luther Vandross (Epic)
9 EVERYTHING YOU TOUCH	Smokey Robinson (Motown)
10 ALRIGHT	Janet Jackson (A&M)
11 RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY	Johnny Gill (Motown)
12 WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE	Stacy Lattisaw & Johnny Gill (Motown)
13 GET A LIFE	Soul II Soul (Virgin)
14 NEVER TOO FAR	Dianne Reeves (EMI)
15 SOUL TO SOUL	The Temptations (Motown)
16 ALWAYS AND FOREVER	The Whistles (Select)
17 COMFORT OF A MAN	Stephanie Mills (MCA)
18 SECRET GARDEN	Quincy Jones (Warner Bros.)
19 SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU	Michael Cooper (Reprise)
20 IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT	After Seven (Virgin)



Babyface



Miki Howard

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Lisa Bonet Highlights 'Showcase'

Actress **Lisa Bonet**, rapper **M.C. Hammer**, New York Nicks Coach **Stu Jackson** and R&B singer **Frankie Beverly** join hosts **Deborah Crable** and **Darryl Dennard** on this week's edition of the "EBONY/JET Showcase," (Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6. Check your local listing for date and time in your city). Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Bill Cosby/Phylicia Rashad on "The Cosby Show," (Thursday, May 3 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Blair Underwood on "L.A. Law," (Thursday, May 3 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Whoopi Goldberg on "Bagdad Cafe," (Friday, May 4 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Loretta Devine/Vickilyn Reynolds/Dana Hill/La Verne Ander-

son/Stephanie Hodge on "Sugar & Spice," (Friday, May 4 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Virginia State vs. Morehouse in "Campus All-Star Challenge," quiz show, (Saturday, May 5 at 5 p.m., ET) on BET.

Marlon Archeay on "Major Dad," (Monday, May 7 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Michael Boatman on "China Beach," (Monday, May 7 at 9 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Eddie Murphy in *Beverly Hills Cops II*, (Tuesday, May 8 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Howard Rollins/Anne Marie Johnson on "In The Heat of the Night," (Tuesday, May 8 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Oprah Winfrey on season premiere on "The Women of Brewster Place," (Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Meshach Taylor on "Designing Women," (Wednesday, May 9 at 10 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Lisa Bonet talks about motherhood and TV career on this week's edition of "Showcase" with host Darryl Dennard.

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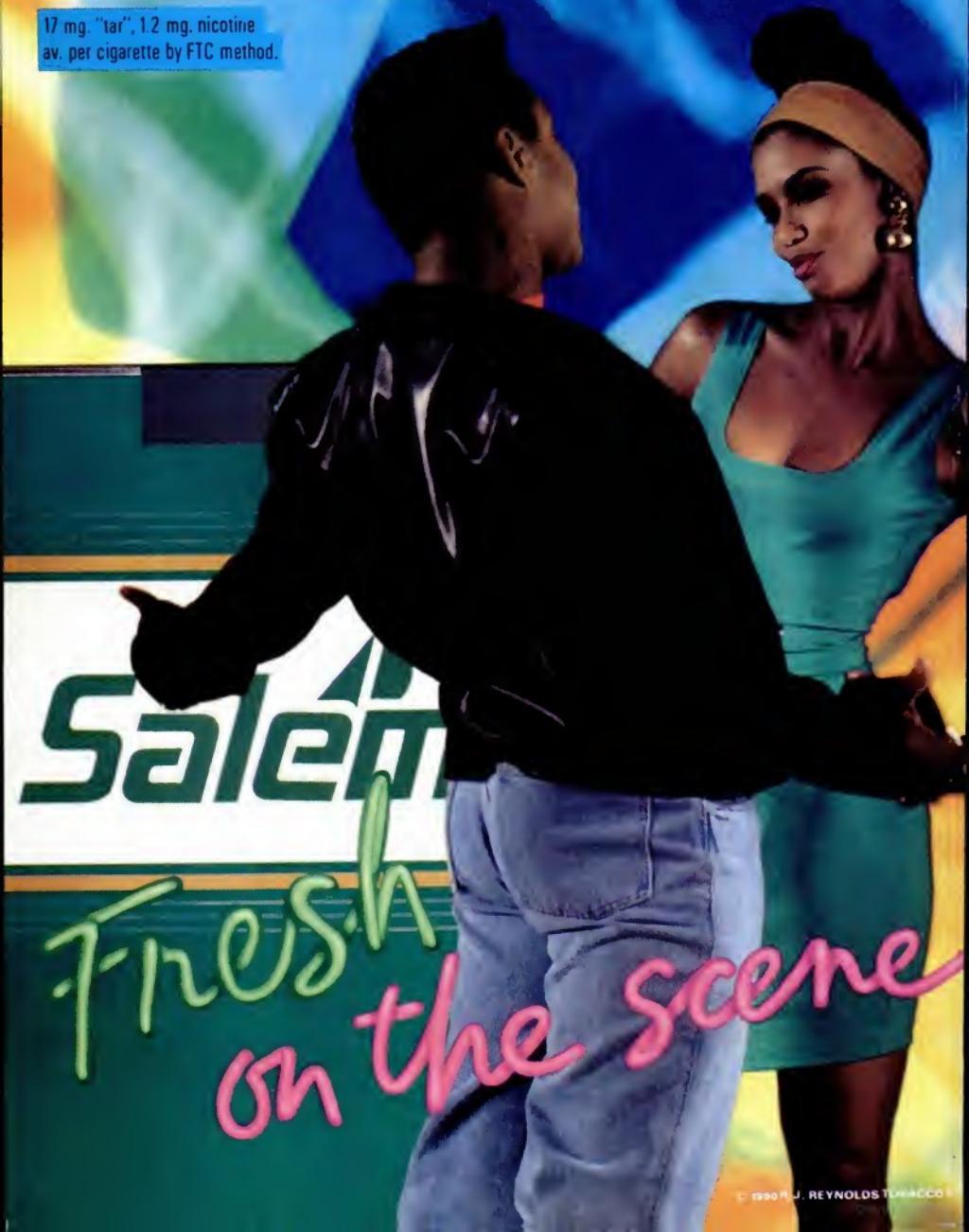
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